



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)) Jeffrey GULLICKSEN et al.
Application No.) 10/824,380
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Title) VIRTUAL LINE SWITCHED RING (VLSR)
CONNECTION STATE DISTRIBUTION
SCHEME
Examiner) Frank Duong
Art Unit) 2616

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed April 3, 2006, rejecting Claims 1-18 of the above-referenced application, in which Claims 1-18 are pending, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.